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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
JUNICHI HAYASHI ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Appln. No.: 10/067,740 ) Group Art Unit: 2122  
Filed: February 8, 2002 )  
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS AND ITS CONTROL )  
METHOD, COMPUTER PROGRAM, )  
AND STORAGE MEDIUM ) June 18, 2004

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THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the remarks listed below. A Second Information Disclosure Statement was filed on June 15, 2004 citing Korean Patent Document KR-A-2000-0035423 and Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2000-152148 ("JP '148"). Additional copies of each document, together with a partial translation of the latter document are enclosed.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits that Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2000-152148 discloses, e.g., (a) generating authentication information based on appended digital information, and embedding the authentication information in digital information as

a digital watermark according to predetermined rules, (b) extracting authentication information from digital information where the authentication information is embedded as a digital watermark, and (c) the embedding of a digital signature in the image data so that the digital signature can completely be removed from the image data (for example, paragraphs from [0091] to [0093] which disclose, e.g., that “information is embedded in plurality of predetermined places in the compressed image data according to the predetermined rule” (paragraph [0093])).

#### FORMAL MATTERS

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#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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